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Board of Oil, Gas and Mining

Re: Docket No. 2002-004 Petition of Division for an Order to Post Supplemental Surety, or Require Immediate Reclamation, Magnesium Corporation of American Knolls Solar Ponds Project.

Board Members:

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Much of the information provided in the Board Booklet pertaining to the above item was filed in January, 2002 and is now dated. Changes in circumstance since the initial filing of the Petition have been brought to your attention as part of the several requests for continuance. By letter of January 28, 2002 counsel for Magcorp cautioned DOGM against proceeding with the matter in violation of the automatic stay of the Bankruptcy Code. Since that date Magcorp and DOGM have stipulated to the sale of certain assets to a new entity, U.S. Magnesium, formed to continue certain business of Magcorp (see the Stipulation attached). Magcorp has not assumed the leases and rights of way that were part of the Knolls Solar Ponds within the time limits of the statute, and by operation of law they are no longer assets of the bankruptcy estate.

The Division is now advised by counsel for Magcorp and by its prior counsel Mr. John Maycock, that although Magcorp has not assumed the leases and mining permit for the Knolls properties, that the Division must still seek relief from the automatic stay imposed by the Bankruptcy filing before the Division can proceed with this action before the Board. Counsel for Magcorp has further agreed that they would stipulate to the release and submit the matter to the Court for an Order of Relief. Such an Order may take an additional thirty days.

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**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

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In re :

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**Chapter 11
MAGNESIUM CORPORATION
OF AMERICA, et al.,**

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**Case No. 01-14312 (REG)
Debtors.**

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: (Jointly Administered)
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**STIPULATION AND ORDER BETWEEN MAGNESIUM
CORPORATION OF AMERICA AND UTAH DEPARTMENT
OF NATURAL RESOURCES REGARDING, AMONG OTHER
THINGS, ASSIGNMENT OF EXECUTORY CONTRACTS**

WHEREAS, on August 2, 2001 (the "Petition Date"), Renco Metals, Inc. ("Metals") and its wholly owned subsidiary, Magnesium Corporation of America ("Magcorp"), filed voluntary petitions for relief under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code") in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York (the "Court");

WHEREAS, by Order of the Court, dated June 5, 2002, the Court authorized the sale (the "Sale") of substantially all the assets to US Magnesium LLC ("US Mag");

WHEREAS, the Sale is currently scheduled to close on or about June 18, 2002;

WHEREAS, the Sale requires the transfer of various leases and permits (collectively, the "Executory Contracts") to which the State of Utah, including its Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands, Division of.

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Oil, Gas and Mining, and its State School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration ("Utah") is either a party or a grantor;

WHEREAS, Utah objected to the proposed sale, including on the grounds that (i) Magcorp's proposed cure amounts under the Executory Contracts were incorrect and did not take into account an additional reclamation bond, and (ii) US Mag had not provided adequate assurance of future performance (the "Objections");

WHEREAS, the Court has scheduled a hearing for Monday, June 17, 2002 to resolve the Objections; and

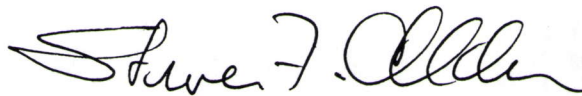
WHEREAS, the parties have resolved the Objections under the terms and conditions hereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby stipulated and agreed as follows:

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The Division is evaluating this and other alternatives. One alternative is for the Division to withdraw or modify the petition to seek immediate forfeiture of the bond. A stipulation with Magcorp may also be reached prior to the hearing. The Division will advise the Board of its intentions concerning a continuance or other actions regarding this matter at the hearing.

Sincerely yours,

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Steven F. Alder
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cc: Michael B. Guss, Attorney for Magcorp

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2. US Mag agrees to pay at closing, in full and complete satisfaction of all defaults existing under the Executory Contracts the sum of \$62,080 in cash (the "Cure Amount")..NY4 - 149303.02

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3. Utah hereby stipulates to the transfer of Approved Notice of Intention M/045/008 (the "Approved Notice of Intention") from Magcorp to US Mag, subject to a requirement that US Mag post a reclamation surety in the amount of \$349,866, which amount shall be fixed for a period of at least five years at which time the surety will be subject to review by Utah in accordance with Division of Oil Gas and Mining policy. This surety shall replace the current surety of \$15,278 (the "Pre-transfer Surety"). Utah shall promptly formalize its approval of the transfer upon receipt of a standard transfer form executed by Magcorp and US Mag in connection with the closing of the Sale, subject to and effective upon posting of reclamation surety as set forth herein. US Mag shall be allowed a reasonable period following closing, not to exceed 90 days, in which to post the surety. Immediately upon posting the surety and upon final inspection and certification that reclamation of all Oolitic Sands and Borrow Areas has been completed in accordance with applicable laws and regulations, the Pre-transfer Surety will be cancelled and released and Utah will deliver to US Mag any collateral held by Utah securing Magcorp's obligations under the Pre-transfer Surety"). US Mag is hereby authorized to operate the Rowley/Stansbury Pond mining operation during the period, if any, between the closing of the Sale and the formalization of Utah's transfer approval and the posting by US Mag of the surety, not to exceed ninety days from closing.

4. It is hereby agreed to by the parties that Mineral Lease ML 45786 (the "Oolitic Sands Lease") terminated by its terms prior to the Petition Date. Utah further acknowledges that it has no claims against Magcorp under the Oolitic Sands Lease that would constitute an administrative expense claim against the Debtors' estates..NY4 - 149303.02

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Notwithstanding the foregoing, Utah reserved its rights to file a prepetition general unsecured claim against the Debtors arising from or related to the Oolitic Sands Lease and the Debtors reserve all of their respective rights with respect to any such claim.

5. In consideration of the agreements of the parties set forth in this Stipulation and Order, Utah hereby withdraws its Objections.

6. In furtherance of this Stipulation and Order, Utah agrees to use reasonable efforts to assist Magcorp and US Mag in assigning or transferring those Executory Contracts which US Mag designates for transfer.

7. This Stipulation and Order may be executed in counterparts and may be modified only in writing by all parties hereto..NY4 - 149303.02

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8. This Stipulation and Order and the agreement of the parties as set forth herein is subject to approval by the Court and nothing in this Stipulation and Order shall be binding upon or used against either of the parties in the event the Stipulation is not so approved.

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Dated: June 17, 2002

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APPROVED AND SO ORDERED:

/s/ **Robert E. Gerber** 6/17/2002

United States Bankruptcy Judge

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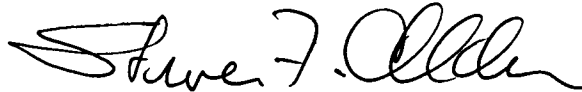
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